

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Former State Treasurer Walter Day charged with forging the name of Floyd Day to a note for \$1,000, was acquitted at Covington, the jury holding there was no proof to show that the note was executed in Wolfe county.

Maysville, Ky., Oct. 3.—The Lexington Asylum authorities sent here last night a body supposed to be that of Miss Anna Thomas, who was sent to the asylum from here a few weeks ago. The body was taken to the family home in the country and a minister engaged. The family surrounded the coffin to take a last look at the body, when the discovery was made that the body was that of a stranger. Miss Thomas being alive at the asylum.

In the Nicholas Circuit Court at Carlisle, the case of Jesse Merchant and Edmonia Twyman, both colored, charged with the murder of Eld. W. P. Richards, late pastor of the colored Christian church at Carlisle, was brought to a sudden close and was continued until the February term of court. Seven jurors had been accepted when one of the veniremen under examination for jury service misunderstood a question of the prosecuting attorney, and replied that he thought that the defendants should be hanged. The attorneys for the defense promptly made a motion that the jurors accepted be discharged. This was done and the case was continued.

Sheriffs in some counties of the State are not making as rapid collection of taxes as they did last year. It seems that the people, on account of the slow movement of crops, have not as much ready money on hand as they had this time last year.

The following interview by Mr. Sol Jordan, an aged and prominent citizen of Barren county, will be read with interest by voters:

"Of course, I am going to the November election and exercise my rights as a voter. I was broken of not going by my experience with my first vote. Something over forty years ago, just as I was old enough to vote the first time, the fall election came around. It was an awful day, storming and raining the whole day long. I went out, saddled my horse, but finally concluded not to go, to the polls, and stayed at home. I had a dear friend who was running for office. He was beaten by one vote. My vote would have saved him. When the next election came around I took two other voters with me to the polls, and another friend of mine won by two votes. I have never missed an election since, and for many years I generally took along some one with me. The election-going habit is not a bad one to contract, and every voter ought to do that much for his party."

Mr. J. T. Hedges wore as a button hole bouquet Monday a sprig of locust bloom plucked that day, Sep. 30 from a tree on his farm, says the Paris, Kentuckian—Citizen. The writer has never known of a locust to bloom so late in the year in this section.

Hearts of turkey lovers will be gladdened by the prospect of a large turkey season, while cranberries will also be cheap, as large quantities will be received in the local market, says the Kentucky Register, of Richmond.

Turkeys are quoted on Change at 13 cents a pound on foot, and commission men expect to see them even cheaper, owing to the large yield in Texas, Oklahoma and the West. Ohio and Kentucky turkeys are better than they have been for some years past, and will be ready for the Richmond market about the middle of October.

A negro woman named Sallie Howard was shot in the leg Sunday night in an unusual way, according to her own story, says the Bowling Green Times Journal. She and another woman named Alice Winstead had a set-up Saturday night, and Sunday night, she claims she saw a woman hiding in the yard near her home and she got her pistol and emptied it at her. Then, she says she went down in town and got more cartridges and reloaded pistol and started home. She put the pistol in her stocking, nuzzled downward, and while walking thus it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering the calf of her leg.

According to a dispatch sent to the Courier-Journal by its Augusta correspondent, Bracken county farmers have cut and banded the largest, cleanest and best crop of tobacco in the history of burley growing. The present

crop is estimated at 6,000,000 pounds. Farmers have prized, ready for sale, 4,500,000 pounds, now in the hands of the Board of Control of the Society of Equity, which, all told, on the basis of prices quoted by this society, is worth \$1,675,000.

Miss Jennie Gentry was arrested in Lexington on a bench warrant from the Franklin Circuit Court, charged with subornation of witnesses in the Caleb Powers case. Bond was fixed at \$1,000, which she gave, and was released.

Gov. Beckham has appointed Judge J. S. Morris, of Oldham county, as special judge of the Scott Circuit Court to preside in the fourth trial of Caleb Powers on the charge of conspiracy in the Goebel murder case. Judge Morris was a member of the last Assembly, and served for years as Commonwealth's Attorney of the Oldham-Shelby Judicial district.

Nature has the habit of striking averages. Bumper crops every year would mean overproduction, which like overpopulation, nature abhors and regulates in its own time and way. It would be false optimism not to recognize the fact that this is one of the years chosen to offset and average down such fat seasons as that of 1906, when the products of the soil glutted every market and choked every avenue of transportation. But there is another error to be avoided. Heed should not be given to the Wall Street gamblers who preach famine, destitution, and agricultural, financial and industrial distress. The one true conclusion to be drawn from the reports of farming conditions is that the crops will be sufficient, though not abundant, and the season one neither of the best nor of the worst.

The weather prophets, local and otherwise, are beginning to give their view on the coming fall and winter, though how they can forecast future conditions so far ahead is one of the mysteries of everyday life which appears very difficult of solution, says the Harrodsburg Herald. A hard winter and an early fall are among the predictions which are being held forth, and the much abused goose-bone and thick corn-shuck theories are being worked to the limit. An old farmer who has long made a practical study of weather conditions informed a representative of the Herald that the moss on the trees is invariably the best sign to swear by, and declared that when the moss began to form on that side of the trees which is exposed to the north early in September, as is now the case, there is trouble ahead, and the coming fall and winter may be expected to live fully up to best reputations. He made dire predictions, therefore of what might be expected in the way of disagreeable conditions soon to materialize.

Notwithstanding the very great shortage in the acreage of the 1907 crop of tomatoes, the Hardinsburg Canning Company has already put up 50,000 cans, and if the crop is not damaged by an early frost many thousands more will be added to this amount, says the Breckinridge Democrat. The tomatoes grown this season are very fine in size and flavor and the yield is good throughout the section in which they are grown for canning purposes. The acreage was entirely too small.

An attractive and handsomely gowned young lady created considerable attention on the streets Tuesday afternoon, for the reason that she wore around her waist a cartridge belt filled with ammunition instead of the regulation feminine adornment of that description, and attached to the belt in front, was a neat holster containing a pistol, says the Kentucky State Journal. It developed later that she was from a distant city, the guest of friends on the South Side, and was on her way to the Country Club to indulge in target practice, which is fast becoming quite a fad.

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OPENING GUN OF THE CAMPAIGN

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Party Platform Outlined, and Record of Deeds of the Party's Officials Reviewed.

Not a Dodger on Any Issue of the Campaign.

Property Values in Kentucky Increase.

Our opponents say that we have been wantonly extravagant and recklessly wasteful of the people's money—that in order to meet the growing demand for more revenue, instead of increasing the tax rate we have, through the state board of equalization, increased the value of the taxable property. My friends the increase in property values in Kentucky since 1900, when the Democrats came into power, has been remarkable but natural.

From 1900 to 1904 the property values in Kentucky increased from \$1,365,130,718 to \$1,527,466,230 as shown by a compilation of such values recently gathered and published by the Manufacturers Record of Baltimore. Estimates of conservative statisticians indicate that a gain of 20 per cent has been made since then, or that property values in Kentucky today are over \$1,800,000,000 and that of all states in the South, Texas alone, on account of its large area, stands ahead of our own state.

The safety and security felt by those investing in the state under Democratic administration is shown by the large increase in organized capital. During the four years of Bradley's administration \$28,588,240 was incorporated under our laws to do business.

From January 1, 1904, to June 30, 1907, three years and a half of the present administration, \$197,195,826 was incorporated under the laws of Kentucky. And yet with all this splendid showing of increased property values, the total equalized value of all property assessed for taxation in Kentucky is \$775,041,918 or slightly in advance of one-third of the actual value.

My fellow citizens since I have been at the head of the fiscal department of the state, I have collected and turned into the state treasury \$3,427,296 more than the Republicans did and the tax rate, as before stated, was 3 1/4 per cent less than theirs.

This additional revenue has flowed into the treasury through the enforcement of the revenue laws, without undue oppression of any interest, but with the purpose of equitably distributing the tax burden, always in view. The board of valuation and assessment, of which I am chairman, has materially increased the assessment of corporate franchises, and it has been done with such absolute justice and fairness that no complaint has been made. During the four years of Republican rule the corporations paid upon their franchises, taxes amounting to \$613,097. Since I have been auditor the franchise tax collected amounts to \$1,073,990 or \$460,892 more than the Republicans required the corporations to pay in the same length of time.

How Revenue Has Been Expended.

Having told you how much more money the present Democratic administration has turned into the treasury than was collected by the Republican administration, you are entitled to know what was done with that excess. I will tell you. That's easy.

Since I have been auditor, the schools of the commonwealth have been paid \$1,781,678 more than they received during the four years of Republican rule. We have paid in appropriations \$1,959,612 more than the Republicans did; for criminal prosecutions \$99,567 more than they; for idiots \$85,225 more, and to the jury fund \$92,118 in excess of the amount paid by the Republicans. These five items alone making a total of \$4,018,201 or \$590,905 more than the excess of our collections, showing that in this advanced age of growth and development, with increased obligations that naturally force themselves upon a state proud and prosperous like ours, the actual cost of running the government under the present administration has been less than it was under the Bradley administration eight years ago.

When I turn over to my successor the office of auditor, a financial condition of the state will be shown of which any state in this Union would be pleased to boast. On the first of January next, after having completed the capitol and paid for it, and met every obligation of the state, you will have in your treasury the neat and comfortable sum of \$1,250,000.

Will Recommend Reduction of Tax Rate.

After four years experience as the head of the financial department of the state, I confidentially assert that the tax rate of 50 cents, though not itself excessive, can and ought to be

reduced, and if elected governor I will in my message to the legislature recommend that it be reduced to 40 cents, the lowest tax rate ever experienced since the adoption of the present constitution.

"What has the new and selfish management of the Democratic party done for the people of Kentucky," asks Dr. Willson. I will tell you. It has relieved them of a bonded indebtedness of \$1,000,000, which was inherited from a Republican administration; it has reduced the tax rate; it has enlarged and improved the penal and charitable institutions; increased the school term from five to six months; it has increased the per capita to \$3.40 this year, which will provide a school fund of \$2,600,000, the largest amount and greatest per capita that has been paid by any administration since Kentucky was admitted into the Union as a free and independent state. It is the largest amount provided for the support of the common schools by any state in the Union save and except New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and California. It has appropriated \$1,250,000 for a new state capitol, whose majestic gray walls and towering dome may now be seen rising in tempered grandeur from an elevation overlooking the graceful windings of the classic Kentucky river and the quaint old capital city, where its sun-kissed dome will top a monument to the greatness of our state. Eight hundred thousand dollars of this amount has already been paid, and every remaining dollar will be paid without one cent increase of the tax rate or the creation of a debt to be met in the future. No other state in this Union has ever erected a capitol out of the current funds of the state without increasing the tax rate if at all.

It has established two normal schools with an annual appropriation of \$20,000 to each. It has appropriated \$15,000 annually to the state college. It has appropriated annually \$15,000 to the Children's Home Society, a society whose splendid and beneficent work can be attested in every county in this commonwealth—a society that takes from the alleys and streets of your cities and from the byways of the country, the waifs who are left without parents and without protection, and places them in congenial homes with wholesome surroundings, where they can grow up into useful and honorable manhood. Instead of being permitted to drift with the foam upon the great and uncertain sea of life, to a destiny perhaps dishonorable if not to a felon's doom.

It has provided a home at a cost of \$195,000 for the Confederate soldiers who have been overtaken by sickness or misfortune—a home where the hero of the "lost cause" who had the courage and the manhood to take up arms in defense of the principles he conceived to be right may spend his remaining days in peace, quiet and comfort.

It has done more for the farmers of the state than any previous administration. Farmers' institutes with noted experts as lecturers are provided for every county in the state. An annual state fair is held. An act has been passed authorizing the farmers to pool their crops of tobacco in order that they may be better protected against the trusts.

Hager Nails a Republican Lie.

At the opening of the Republican campaign at Maysville, there was exhibited, by those who participated in that public function, a most remarkable ignorance of existing conditions and the law, or the Ninth commandment was recklessly disregarded. I shall place the more charitable construction upon it and adopt the former conclusion. It was there stated that "the present administration had stolen 5 cents from the sinking fund. By doing this they were able to have

more for the general expenditure fund." Now the facts are, that the legislature of 1904 reduced the sinking fund from 5 cents to 2 cents because the bonds of the state had been paid and 2 cents was sufficient to pay the interest on the school bonds, a perpetual obligation of the state. The 3 cents taken from the sinking fund was added to the school fund as was an additional 1 1/4 cents, which was taken from the general expenditure fund. If any one will take the pains to refer to Chapter 18 of the Acts of 1904, he can verify this statement, and I am confident that he will conclude that the legislature exercised much wisdom in augmenting the school fund and increasing the facilities for enlightening the ignorant, for recent events certainly demonstrate that there are those abroad in the land who could very profitably take a few draughts from the "Pierian Spring."

My distinguished opponent is quoted as having said that I promised the Rev. M. B. Adams, president of the Anti-Saloon League, that if the Democrats held a convention, he (President Adams), could write the temperance plank in the Democratic platform.

For the truth or falsity of that statement, fellow citizens, I refer you to Doctor Adams.

Mr. Willson says there ought to be a change in the administration—that he ought to be elected. Why, he does not tell you for certain. The strongest argument in his favor, probably, is the "magnificently courageous" stands he took in favor of Johnny-cakes and buttermilk. He does not think I ought to be a candidate because I have been a candidate three times before. He does not think I ought to aspire to greater honors than my state has already conferred upon me. He says I have served as county judge of my county, as state treasurer,

and then as auditor, and am now the Democratic nominee for governor and through the process of "rotation" four years hence I will be a candidate for the United States senatorship.

Will Not Again Be a Candidate.

Fellow citizens, I am profoundly grateful to the people of Kentucky for the great honors that have come to me through their generous bestowal of confidence and trust, and whether or not I am still further honored by their continued confidence, by being elevated to the chief magistracy of my state, I say most positively, I will not be a candidate for the United States senate or any other office within the gift of the people of Kentucky—the noblest and proudest constituency that any man in the civilized world ever served.

Mr. Willson has been a candidate for twenty-five years, and the nominee of his party for state senator once, and for congress four times, but with much regularity and great precision and perfect ease he has each time been defeated. All this, however, should not militate against him now for he is not a candidate, but a missionary. I understand he feels that he has been called; but you have all doubtless read that "many are called but few are chosen."

Public Printing—An Explanation of Laws.

Mr. Willson, in his poverty of campaign thunder, has undertaken to draw an indictment against the Democratic administration for the payment of a printing bill for \$23,000 for 19,000 teachers' registers and trustees' record books, made by the second class printer and furnished to the counties in 1902. The charge is that the work could have been done for several thousand dollars less if it had been assigned to the first class printer.

The law classifies the work and the board has nothing whatever to do with assigning work.

In the first place, it is the duty of the printing commission, composed of the governor, auditor, treasurer, secretary of state and attorney general, every two years to let all the public printing, which is by law divided into four classes, to the lowest and best bidder. The other duty of this board is to pass upon bills presented by the public printers for work done for the state. When a contract for the printing of any class is awarded to a bidder he is required by law to enter into a bond with the state to furnish all printing of that class to the state for two years at the contract price. When this is done the state guarantees to the printer all of the printing of the class embraced in his contract. The printing commission has nothing whatever to do with ordering any work from the printer. The heads of the departments make requisitions upon the printer from time to time for work as it is needed in the various departments. The superintendent of public instruction once every four years makes a requisition upon the printer for books that the law requires to be furnished to the teachers and trustees of the state, to be kept as records in their respective districts.

In 1902, the superintendent of public instruction, following the precedent set by Governor Bradley and administration, ordered from Henry Bacon, the contractor to whom the second class printing had been awarded, 19,000 of these books which were shipped to the various counties of the state. A bill for \$28,000 was presented for the work and the board, composed of four Democrats and one Republican, Hon. Clifton J. Pratt, for the purpose of satisfying itself that the work had been done by the proper contractor, postponed action in the matter until the question of the class to which this printing belonged could be fully determined. The matter was referred to the Hon. Clifton J. Pratt, the then Republican attorney general of Kentucky, then and always regarded as

a conscientious and able lawyer, and it was determined by him as a matter of legal construction, as well as by the board, that the work had been properly assigned to the second class and the work so classified was paid for under the contract at the contract prices, no more and no less.

To Be Continued.

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